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Council Chairman Pro Tempore **Ken T. Poisson**



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STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Room 212 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615 (203) 385-4035

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Stratford Town Council conducted a regularly scheduled meeting via GoToMeeting on November 9, 2020 pursuant to notice duly posted.

CALL TO ORDER 8:03 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Mr. Pia

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Shake, Mr. Tavaras, Mr. Harden,

Mr. Cann, Mr. Poisson, Mr. Perillo, Mr. Connor; Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Dancho

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Hoydick, CAO Tymniak, Town Attorney Hodgson,

Asst. Town Attorneys LeClerc and Florek, Finance Director Savo,

Health Director Boissevain, Public Works Director Serra,

Human Resources Director Ing, Chief of Staff Downes

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

led by Mr. Connor, District 8, followed by a moment of silence for Dean Hodgson, father of Town Attorney Chris Hodgson.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020

RESOLVED: that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020 be dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously provided to each Council Member and the same be and are hereby approved.

MR. O'BRIEN MOVED ITEM 1; SECONDED BY MS. DANCHO. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

3. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES

3.1 Monthly Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) report – Report provided by Finance Director Savo followed by brief discussion.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS, TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- 4.1 MAYOR'S REPORT included
 - COVID phase 2.1
 - Pop-up COVID testing
 - Officer Rivera

- Elections results
- Winners virtual pumpkin carving contest
- Sustainable CT certification
- Recognition of Police Officers who served 40+ years
- Lighthouse property tours
- Courageous Conversations
- Holy Name Drive-Thru Pantry
- Veterans Day drive-thru breakfast at Baldwin Center
- Town Hall closed Nov 26 & 27
- Small Business Saturday Nov 28
- Grand Reopening of Brick Box
- Raynae Serra promoted to Public Works director

4.2 QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR

Mr. Tavaras re: opening of Chipotle/Storage facility & diversity at Town Hall

Mr. Cann re: collection of demographic data

Mr. Poisson re: diversity at Stratford Police Department

4.3 <u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>

4.3.1 **The Ordinance Committee of the Stratford Town Council** held a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on October 26, 2020 and referred the following items to the Town Council for a second reading and final passage:

4.3.1.1 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$6,900,000 TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECTS AT WOOSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL, CHAPEL STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SECOND HILL LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (#20-10)

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

Section 1. The additional sum of \$6,900,000 is hereby appropriated to meet the estimated costs of the public improvements set forth below, and that such improvements are hereby included in the capital improvement and equipment program of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, said appropriation to be inclusive of administrative, financing, legal and costs of issuance related thereto:

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS	
Wooster Middle School – Roof Replacement	\$2,600,000
Chapel Street Elementary School – Roof Replacement	\$2,100,000
Second Hill Lane Elementary School – Roof Replacement	\$2,200,000
TOTAL	\$6,900,000

Section 2. Any of the estimated amounts for the public improvements set forth in Section 1 not required to meet the actual cost of such public improvements shall be allocated by the Mayor and Director of Finance as they deem necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Town to other public improvements previously authorized by the Town Council for bonding, so long as such allocation is consistent with applicable tax and other laws.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its passage pursuant to Section 2.2.9 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: that the second reading of this Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members, and that the same be adopted as a second reading and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective thirty days from passage.

4.3.1.2 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,900,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT WOOSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL, ROOF REPLACEMENT AT CHAPEL STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND ROOF REPLACEMENT AT SECOND HILL LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND PENDING ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#20-11)

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

Section 1. To meet the appropriation of \$6,900,000 made in the ordinance enacted together herewith for the Roof Replacement at Wooster Middle School, Roof Replacement at Chapel Street Elementary School, and Roof Replacement at Second Hill Lane Elementary School (the "Projects"), \$6,900,000 bonds of the Town may be issued maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date (the "Bonds") for the Projects and in the amounts set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 2. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance. The amount of Bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Mayor and the Director of Finance in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Projects determined after considering the estimated amounts and timing of State and Federal grants-in-aid for the Projects, provided that the total amount of Bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the Bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the Mayor and the Director of Finance, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, Attorneys-at-Law. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the Bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such Bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The Town shall levy taxes in each year to meet principal and interest due and payable on the Bonds issued pursuant to this ordinance.

Section 3. The Mayor and Director of Finance are hereby authorized to determine the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, date, maturity, prices, interest rates whether fixed or floating, form, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying registrar and transfer agent, the manner of sale or other terms and conditions of the Bonds, including the terms of any reserve that might be established as authorized herein, and whether any of the Bonds issued will be issued as taxable bonds, all in such a manner as the Mayor and Director of Finance shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town and in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Connecticut General Statutes"), and to take such actions and to execute such documents, or designate other officials or employees of the Town to take such actions and to execute such documents, as deemed to be necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Town by the Mayor and Director of Finance in order to issue, sell and deliver the Bonds.

Section 4. The Bonds shall be sold by the Mayor and the Director of Finance in a competitive offering or by negotiation in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the Bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. If the Bonds are sold by negotiation, the provisions of the bond purchase agreement shall be approved by the Mayor and Director of Finance.

Section 5. The Mayor and the Director of Finance are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the Bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor and the Director of Finance, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the Director of Finance, be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, Attorneys-at-Law, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the Director of Finance pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Notes shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or the Bonds, may be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of the Bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 6. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid prior to and any time after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the Projects with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or her designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

Section 7. The Mayor and Director of Finance are hereby authorized, if they determine it is in the Town's best interests, to acquire, on behalf of the Town, bond insurance or other forms of credit enhancement guaranteeing the Bonds on such terms as the Mayor and Director of Finance determine to be appropriate, such terms to include, but not be limited to, those relating to fees, premiums and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with such credit enhancement, the terms of payment of such expenses and costs and such other undertakings as the issuer of the credit enhancement shall require; and the Mayor and Director of Finance, if they determine that it is appropriate, are authorized, on the Town's behalf, to grant security to the issuer of the credit enhancement to secure the Town's obligations arising under the credit enhancement, including the establishment of a reserve from proceeds of the Bonds.

Section 8. The Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the Bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance. Any agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 9. The Mayor and Director of Finance are hereby authorized to apply for and accept any available State or Federal grant in aid of the financing of the Projects, and to take all action necessary or proper in connection therewith.

Section 10. The Mayor and Director of Finance in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, are hereby authorized to allocate any unused bond proceeds to public improvements previously authorized by the Town Council for bonding, consistent with the applicable tax and other laws, as deemed necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Town by the Mayor and Director of Finance.

Section 11. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its passage pursuant to Section 2.2.9 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: that the second reading of this Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members, and that the same be adopted as a second reading and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective thirty days from passage.

MS. DANCHO MOVED ITEMS 4.3.1.1 AND 4.3.1.2; SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN. Brief discussion followed. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: Ms. Shake-YES, Mr. Tavaras-YES, Mr. Harden-YES, Mr. Cann-YES, Mr. Poisson-YES, Mr. Perillo-YES, Mr. Connor-YES, Mr. O'Brien-YES, Ms. Dancho-YES, Chairman Pia-YES.

- 4.3.2 **The Public Works Committee of the Stratford Town Council** held a regular meeting on November 2, 2020 and referred the following item to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation:
- **4.3.2.1** FieldTurf USA, Inc. Contract Change Order Proposal #1 dated 10/16/2020 in the amount of \$56,760 for 320 cubic yards of rock removal from Bunnell HS

RESOLVED: that the FieldTurf Usa, Inc. Contract change Order Proposal #1 dated 10/16/20 in the amount of \$56,760 for 320 cubic yards of rock removal from Bunnell HS be and is hereby approved.

MR. POISSON MOVED ITEM 4.3.2.1; SECONDED BY MS DANCHO. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 4.3.3 **The Building Needs Committee of the Stratford Town Council** held a regular meeting on November 2, 2020 and referred the following items to the Town Council with favorable recommendations:
- **4.3.3.1** SHS Reno Turner COR #290 in the amount of \$190,916 for Updated Order of Magnitude for Existing Building C Decking Replacement.

RESOLVED: that SHS Reno Turner COR #290 in the amount of \$190,916 for Updated Order of Magnitude for Existing Building C Decking Replacement be and is hereby approved.

4.3.3.2 SHS Reno Turner COR #291 in the CREDIT amount of \$739,640 for Return of Unspent Allowances.

RESOLVED: that SHS Reno Turner COR #291 in the <u>CREDIT</u> amount of \$739,640 for Return of Unspent Allowances be and is hereby accepted.

4.3.3.3 SHS Reno Turner COR #292 in the <u>CREDIT</u> amount of \$888,709 for Return of Unspent Contingency, Unboughts and General Requirements.

RESOLVED: that SHS Reno Turner COR #292 in the <u>CREDIT</u> amount of \$888,709 for Return of Unspent Contingency, Unboughts and General Requirements be and is hereby approved.

4.3.3.4 SHS Reno Turner COR #294 in the amount of \$58,531 for Lead Paint Removal.

RESOLVED: that SHS Reno Turner COR #294 in the amount of \$58,531 for Lead Paint Removal be and is hereby approved.

MR. POISSON MOVED ITEMS 4.3.3.1, 4.3.3.2, 4.3.3.3, 4.3.3.4; SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN. Brief discussion followed. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.3.3.5 Antinozzi & IES Amendment #51 in the amount of \$49,440 for CA Extension through Feb. 2021.

RESOLVED: that Antinozzi & IES Amendment #51 in the amount of \$49,440 for CA Extension through Feb. 2021 be and is hereby approved.

MR. POISSON MOVED ITEM 4.3.3.5; SECONDED BY MR. CANN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.3.3.6 Stratford BOE Invoice #SHS Electric 081618-091420 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$154,510.69 for SHS Project electrical consumption (FY2021 funds will be transferred to the BOE, and to the Town's General Fund for the previous fiscal years)

RESOLVED: that Stratford BOE Invoice #SHS Electric 081618-091420 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$154,510.69 for SHS Project electrical consumption (FY2021 funds will be transferred to the BOE, and to the Town's General Fund for the previous fiscal years) be and is hereby approved.

MR. POISSON MOVED ITEM 4.3.3.6; SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN. Brief discussion followed. CAO Tymniak provided details, clarifications, and answered questions. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 4.4 <u>TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT</u> No Report
- 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS
- 6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
- 6.1 ORDINANCES
- 6.2 RESOLUTIONS

6.2.1 <u>A RESOLUTION REGARDING ELC ENHANCING DETECTION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROJECT</u>

Executive Summary:

- Enhance surveillance (contact tracing), response, informatics, and other workforce capacity;
- Coordinate and engage with partners as needed to respond to and prevent COVID-19;
- Prevent and minimize disease transmission of COVID-19; and
- Conduct health promotion activities associated with each of the previously mentioned activities.

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Public Health, is authorized and has made funds available in the amount of \$ 274,716 to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to implement the ELC Enhancing Detection Cooperative Agreement Project; and

WHEREAS, it is both desirable and in the Town's interest that the Town of Stratford execute a grant agreement with Connecticut Department of Public Health to accept funding in connection with this project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

1. That it is cognizant of the Town's grant application and contract to the Connecticut Department of Public Health for funds in the amount of \$274,716 to implement the ELC Enhancing Detection Cooperative Agreement Project activities; and

2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor, Laura R. Hoydick, or her designee to execute and deliver such grant application and/or agreement, (including amendments to, or rescission of such agreement), and any and all related documents necessary to apply for and obtain funding from the Connecticut Department of Public Health through the ELC Enhancing Detection Cooperative Agreement Project.

MR. HARDEN MOVED ITEM 6.2.1; SECONDED BY MR. PERILLO. Health Director Boissevain provided details and answered questions. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2.2 A RESOLUTION REGARDGING RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Sponsored by: Honorable Kaitlyn Shake, District 2 Council Member

WHEREAS, racism is a social system with multiple dimensions: individual racism that is interpersonal and/or internalized or systemic racism that is institutional or structural, and is a system of structuring opportunity and assigning value based on the social interpretation of how one looks; and

WHEREAS, race is a social construct with no biological basis; and

WHEREAS, racism unfairly disadvantages specific individuals and communities, while unfairly giving advantages to other individuals and communities, and saps the strength of the whole society through the waste of human resources; and

WHEREAS, racism is a root cause of poverty and constricts economic mobility; and

WHEREAS, racism causes persistent discrimination and disparate outcomes in many areas of life, including housing, education, employment, and criminal justice, and is itself a social determinant of health; and

WHEREAS, racism and segregation have exacerbated a health divide resulting in people of color in Connecticut bearing a disproportionate burden of illness and mortality including COVID-19 infection and death, heart disease, diabetes, and infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, Black, Native American, Asian and Latino residents are more likely to experience poor health outcomes as a consequence of inequities in economic stability, education, physical environment, food, and access to health care and these inequities are, themselves, a result of racism; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 studies have linked racism to worse health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the collective prosperity and well-being of Stratford residents depends upon equitable access to opportunity for every resident regardless of the color of their skin.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Town Council of Stratford

- 1. Assert that racism presents a public health crisis affecting residents of Stratford;
- 2. Commit to progress the Town of Stratford as an equity and justice-oriented municipal organization, by continuing to identify specific activities to enhance diversity and to ensure anti-racism principles across our municipal governance and throughout our community;
- 3. Promote equity through all policies approved by the Town of Stratford through its municipal governance and enhance educational efforts aimed at identifying, addressing and dismantling racism and how it affects the delivery of human and social services, economic development and public safety;

- 4. Improve the quality of the data collected by the Town of Stratford and the analysis of that data—it is not enough to assume that an initiative is producing its intended outcome, qualitative and quantitative data should be used to assess inequities in impact and continuously improve;
- 5. Continue to advocate locally for relevant policies that improve health in communities of color, and support local, state, regional, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism;
- 6. Further work to solidify alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are confronting racism and encourage other local, state, regional, and national entities to recognize racism as a public health crisis;
- 7. Support community efforts to amplify issues of racism and engage actively and authentically with communities of color wherever they live; and
- 8. Identify clear goals and objectives, including periodic reports to the Town of Stratford Administration and its Town Council, to assess progress and capitalize on opportunities to further advance racial equity.

MR. O'BRIEN MOVED ITEM 6.2.2; SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN. MR. O'BRIEN MOVED; SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO AMEND THE MOTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

Sponsored by: Town Council Members Messrs. Pia, Harden, Poisson, Perillo, Connor, O'Brien, & Ms. Dancho

WHEREAS, racism is a social system with multiple dimensions: individual racism that is interpersonal and/or internalized or systemic racism that is institutional or structural, and is a system of structuring opportunity and assigning value based on the social interpretation of how one looks;

WHEREAS race is a social construct with no biological basis;

WHEREAS racism unfairly disadvantages specific individuals and communities, while unfairly giving advantages to other individuals and communities, and saps the strength of the whole society;

WHEREAS racism constricts economic mobility;

WHEREAS racism causes persistent discrimination and disparate outcomes in many areas of life, including housing, education, employment, and criminal justice, and is itself a social determinant of health;

WHEREAS many ethnicities and nationalities are likely to experience a form of racism that would lead to poor health outcomes as a consequence of inequities in economic stability, education, physical environment, food, and access to health care and these inequities are, themselves, a result of racism;

WHEREAS the collective prosperity and well-being of Stratford residents depends upon the Town continuing to create and maintain an equitable and welcoming community and equitable access to opportunity for every resident, regardless of race and or the color of their skin;

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted October 13, 2003, the Stratford Town Council condemned all forms of racism, declared a policy of zero tolerance for hate crimes, vowed to interrupt prejudice and stop those who, blinded by hate, would hurt, harass or violate the civil rights of anyone;

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford has supported anti-racism and equitable access to opportunity through its long-term support of community programs, including programs in the public schools, community conversations and youth conferences about equity, and through its various departments; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Council recognizes the opportunity at this time to reiterate and reaffirm the Town's efforts to be as welcoming and equitable a town as possible for all Stratford residents and visitors.

NOW, THERFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, that the Town Council will commit to:

- 1. Progress the Town of Stratford as an equity and justice-oriented municipal organization, by continuing to identify specific activities to enhance diversity and to ensure anti-racism principles across our municipal governance and throughout our community;
- 2. Promote equity through all policies approved by the Town of Stratford through its municipal governance and enhance educational efforts aimed at identifying, addressing and dismantling racism and how it affects the delivery of human and social services, economic development and public safety;
- 3. Continue to advocate locally for relevant policies that improve health in communities of color, and support local, state, regional, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism;
- 4. Further work to solidify alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are confronting racism;
- 5. Continue to identify opportunities to further enhance diversity and ensure that Stratford remains an open and equitable community for all;
- 6. Support community efforts to amplify issues of racism and engage actively and authentically with communities of color wherever they live; and
- 7. Identify clear goals and objectives, assess progress and capitalize on opportunities to further advance racial equity.

Discussion ensued. MR. CANN MOVED TO AMEND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT; SECONDED BY MR. TAVARAS TO INSERT ITEM #4 FROM THE ORIGINAL DRAFT. THE MOTION FAILED 3 TO 7 - MESSRS. HARDEN, POISSON, PERILLO, CONNOR, O'BRIEN, MS. DANCHO, AND CHAIRMAN PIA OPPOSED. Discussion continued. MR. CANN MOVED TO AMEND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT; SECONDED BY MR. TAVARAS TO INSERT "THROUGH THE WASTE OF HUMAN RESOURCES"; "ROOT CAUSE OF POVERTY"; THE 6TH WHEREAS; AND THE 8TH WHEREAS FROM THE ORIGINAL DRAFT. THE MOTION FAILED 3 TO 7 - MESSRS. HARDEN, POISSON, PERILLO, CONNOR, O'BRIEN, MS. DANCHO, AND CHAIRMAN PIA OPPOSED. Discussion continued. THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSED 7 TO 3 – MS. SHAKE, MR. TAVARAS, MR. CANN OPPOSED. MS. Shake read a statement into the record. Discussion continued. THE MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED 7 TO 3 - MS. SHAKE, MR. TAVARAS, MR. CANN OPPOSED.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Award of BID# 2021-16 to G.Pic & Sons Construction Company for a total contract amount of \$54,540 for the installation of new street clock and elevated concrete planters located on Main Street adjacent to Paradise Green Place.

RESOLVED: that the award of BID# 2021-16 to G.Pic & Sons Construction Company for a total contract amount of \$54,540 for the installation of new street clock and elevated concrete planters located on Main Street adjacent to Paradise Green Place be and is hereby approved and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for such in form satisfactory to the Town Attorney.

MS. DANCHO MOVED ITEM 7.1; SECONDED BY MR. PERILLO. Brief discussion followed with Public Works Director Serra providing details and answering questions. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2 APPOINTMENTS

7.2.1 Inland Wetlands Commission – 4 year term. Appointment made by Council Chairman (Stratford Code §217-4)

<u>ANGELA CAPINERA</u> of <u>BLAMEY CIRCLE</u> be and is hereby appointed a member of the Inland Wetlands Commission as a representative of the Conservation Commission (to the expired/resigned seat of Ronald Hojdich) with a term expiring May 31, 2024.

CHAIRMAN PIA MADE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MR. O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN; SECONDED BY MR. POISSON. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

EXHIBIT A

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS	
Wooster Middle School – Roof Replacement	\$2,600,000
Chapel Street Elementary School – Roof Replacement	\$2,100,000
Second Hill Lane Elementary School – Roof Replacement	\$2,200,000
TOTAL	\$6,900,000

Margo Paquette
Margo Paquette, Council Clerk ATTEST:

EXHIBIT A

TOTAL	\$6,900,000
Second Hill Lane Elementary School – Roof Replacement	\$2,200,000
Chapel Street Elementary School – Roof Replacement	\$2,100,000
Wooster Middle School – Roof Replacement	\$2,600,000
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